

FROM THE ARMY.

GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT.

From the Washington Union.

Victory follows victory in rapid succession. It was a settled maxim that we could never cease this war with honor until we had taken the castle of San Juan de Ulla. Thanks be to our distinguished and skillful general—to his brave officers and men—to the gallant officers and men of our navy, this great achievement has been effected with little loss of life on our part. We have taken the Gibraltar of the western continent.—We have added new laurels to our wreath. The gratitude and admiration of a free people are due to Maj. Gen. Scott. We congratulate our country again upon the prowess of their army and navy. In less than eleven months, a succession of achievements has poured in upon us which would grace the annals of any people under the sun.—Let our countrymen rejoice, and let them pour out their thanks to the brave men who have done honor to the character of this free country.

A *fué de jole* was fired this day, by Captain Mordecai, at the arsenal in this city. The manifestations of a people's joy will spread as far and as fast as the glorious news is circulated of the capture of Vera Cruz and the Castle.

The whole city was filled with enthusiasm to-day, by the accounts, for which we were indebted to the Baltimore Sun through its extraordinary express from Pensacola. This evening brings to the government the official despatches from Maj. Gen. Scott and Commodore Perry. The former were brought to the secretary of war by Colonel Totten, of the engineer corps, who displayed so much activity and skill at Vera Cruz. The last were brought to the secretary of the navy by passed midshipman Huger, of the navy.

Memoranda furnished by Col. Totten.

March 9, 1847.—The disembarkation commenced.

March 13, 1847.—The investment is complete—two mortars landed.

March 17, 1847.—Ten or twelve mortars were on shore to-day.

March 17, 1847.—Trenches opened at night.

March 22, 1847.—Cuy summoned at 2 P. M. to surrender; and, on refusal, the fire was begun from 7 mortars—afterwards increased to 9 mortars.

March 24, 1847.—The naval battery of 332 pounders and 3-inch paixhan guns began its fire this morning.

March 25, 1847.—A battery of 4 24 pounders and 2 8-inch howitzers opened to-day.

March 26, 1847.—The enemy early this morning, commenced the negotiation for a surrender.

March 29, 1847.—Possession taken of both city and castle—the garrisons marching out and laying down their arms.

The trenches were opened 7 days.

The fire from our batteries was continued three and a half days.

During the 16 days that intervened between the disembarkation of the troops and the opening of negotiations, there were five days of violent fighting, in which all landing of stores &c. was interrupted. And, during the seven days of open trenches, there were two days and nights in which it was impossible to undertake any new works; or even, by clearing the trenches and batteries of large quantities of drifting sand, to arrest the accumulating damage.

Unofficial list of killed and wounded before Vera Cruz, from the landing to the taking possession of the city and the castle—namely, from the 9th to the 29th March.

KILLED.

Navy.—1 officer and 6 men in the shore battery. (No. 5.)

Army.—2 officers and 6 men.

Total, 3 officers and 12 men.

Wounded.—Navy—1 officer and 6 men in the shore battery. (No. 5.)

Army—3 officers and 40 men.

Total, 4 officers and 46 men.

Total killed and wounded—7 officers and 58 men; making, in all 65 persons.

Officers killed.—Captain John R. Vinton, 2d artillery; Captain Althorpe, 2d infantry; Midshipman T. B. Shubrick, navy.

Officers wounded.—Lieutenant Colonel Dickinson, South Carolina volunteers, severely; Lieut. A. S. Baldwin, navy, slightly; Lieut. Delozier Davidson, 2d infantry, very slightly; Lieut. Lewis Neill, 2d dragoons, severely. All the wounded are doing well.

The number of rank and file prisoners had not been ascertained, but (reckoning on all previous accounts of the strength of the garrison) cannot be estimated at less than 4000 men—of which number, a considerable portion are supposed to be their very best troops.

From a list, furnished by one of the Mexican commissioners, it is supposed the following officers were present to the city and castle, viz—5 generals, 18 colonels, 37 lieutenant colonels, 5 majors, 90 captains, and 180 lieutenants.

The principal terms of capitulation were: That the garrisons should lay down their arms as prisoners of war—officers retaining their swords; that they should march out with the honors of war—solving the flags of city and castle from their own batteries, on striking them, at the moment the troops were surrendering their arms; that the troops, regulars and irregulars, should be discharged and dispersed to their homes, under parole given upon their own rolls and by their own officers not to serve against the United States until duly exchanged—officers giving at the same time, their own parole for themselves individually; that all public property of every description should become the property of the United States that such portions of the armament as may not have been destroyed during the continuance of the war, may be liable to be restored by stipulations in the treaty of peace; that private property is to be inviolate and not liable to be taken without arrangement with the owners; that the religion of the inhabitants, its institutions and ceremonies are solemnly guaranteed; that officers and men under parole may remain in the city to settle private affairs, not to exceed five days.

A friendly communication had been opened with the town of Medellin, twelve miles south-

ward of Vera Cruz, after a sharp skirmish, conducted by Colonel Heary, against some troops that attempt to obstruct the way. And an expedition, by land and water, was about to proceed to Alvarado; where, however, no opposition was looked for. Indeed, it was confidently stated in camp, when the Princeton sailed, that Mexican commissioners had already arrived for the purpose of treating for the submission of that place. The principal object of Gen. Scott at Alvarado is to open a source of supply of horses, mules and beef cattle.

FROM OUR ARMY AT VERA CRUZ.

Headquarters of the Army,
Camp Washington, before Vera Cruz,
March 29d, 1847.

Sir—Yesterday, seven of our ten-inch mortars being in battery, and the labors for planting the remainder of our heavy metal being in progress, I address, at two o'clock, P. M. a summons to the governor of Vera Cruz, and within two hours limited by the bearer of the flag, received the governor's answer. Copies of the two papers, (marked respectively A and B.) are herewith enclosed.

It will be perceived that the governor, who, it turns out, is the commander of both places, chose against the plain terms of the summons, to suppose me to have demanded the surrender of the castle and of the city—when, in fact, from the non-arrival of our heavy metal—principally mortars—I was in no condition to threaten the former.

On the return of the flag, with that reply, I at once ordered the seven mortars, in battery, to open upon the city. In a short time the small vessels of Com. Perry's squadron—two steamers and five schooners—according to previous arrangement with him, approached the city within about a mile and an eighth, whence, being rapidly covered from the castle, an essential condition to their safety—they also opened a brisk fire upon the city. This has been continued, uninterrupted by the mortars, and only with a few intermissions by the vessels, up to nine o'clock this morning, when the commodore, very promptly called them, off from a position too daringly assumed.

Our three remaining mortars are now (12 o'clock, m.) in battery, and the whole ten in activity. Tomorrow, early, if the city should continue obstinate, batteries No. 4 and 5 will be ready to add their fire; No. 4, consisting of four 24-pounders and two 8-inch Paixhan guns, and No. 5 (naval battery) of three 32-pounders and 3 8-inch Paixhans—the guns, officers, and sailors landed from the squadron—our friends of the navy being unremittent in their zealous co-operation, in every mode and form.

So far we know that our fire upon the city has been highly effective—particularly from the batteries of 10-inch mortars, planted at about 800 yards from the city. Including the preparation and defence of the batteries, from the beginning—now many days—and notwithstanding the heavy fire of the enemy, we have only had four or five men wounded, and one officer and one man killed, in or near the trenches. That officer was Capt. John R. Vinton, of the United States 2d artillery, one of the most talented, accomplished and effective members of the army, and who was highly distinguished in the brilliant operations at Monterey. He fell, last evening, in the trenches, where he was on duty as field and commanding officer, universally regretted. I have just attended his honored remains to a soldier's grave—in full view of the enemy and within reach of his guns.

Thirteen of the long-needed mortars, leaving twenty seven, besides heavy guns, behind—have arrived, and two of them landed. A heavy north-then sail in (at meridian) that stopped that operation, and also the landing of shells. Hence the fire of our mortar batteries has been slackened since two o'clock, to day, and cannot be resumed. In the meantime I shall leave this report to the departure of the steamship-of-war, the Princeton, with Commodore Conner, who, I learn expects to leave the anchorage off Sacrificios, for the United States, the 25th instant.

March 24.—The storm having subsided in the night, we commenced this afternoon, as soon as the sea became a little smooth, to land shot, shells and mortars.

The naval battery, No. 5, was opened with great activity, under Captain Auble, the second in rank of the squadron, at about 10 A. M. His fire was continued to 2 o'clock P. M. a little before he was relieved by Capt. Mayo, who had having exhausted the supply he had brought with him. He lost four sailors, killed, and had one officer, Lieut. Baldwin, slightly hurt.

The mortar batteries, No. 1, 2, and 3 have fired but languidly during the day for the want of shells, which are now going out from the beach. The two reports of Col. Bankhead, chief of artillery, both of this date, copies of which I enclose, give the incidents of those three batteries. Battery No. 4, which will mount four 24-pounders, and two 8-inch Paixhan's guns, has been much delayed in the hands of the indefatigable engineers by the mortar that filled up the work with sand nearly as fast as it could be opened by the half-blinded laborers. It will, however, be in full activity early to-morrow morning.

March 25.—The Princeton being about to start for Philadelphia, I have a moment to epitomize this report. All the batteries, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are in awful activity this morning. The effect is, no doubt, very great, and I think the city cannot hold out beyond to-day. Tomorrow morning many of the new mortars will be in position to add their fire, when, or after the delay of some twelve hours, if no proposition to surrender should be received. I shall organize parties for carrying the city by assault. So far the defence has been spirited and obstinate.

I enclose a copy of a memorial received last night, signed by the consuls of Great Britain, France, Spain and Prussia, within Vera Cruz, asking me to grant a truce to enable the neutrals together with Mexican women and children, to withdraw from the scene of havoc about them. I shall reply, the moment that an opportunity may be taken, to say—I. That a truce can only be granted on the application of Gov. Morales,

with a view to a surrender. 2. That in sending safeguards to the different consuls, beginning as far back as the 13th inst., I distinctly admonished them—particularly the French and Spanish consuls—and, of course, through the two, the other consuls—of the dangers that have followed. 3. That although, at that date, I had already refused to allow any person whatsoever to pass the line of investment either way, yet the blockade had been left open to the consuls and other neutrals to pass out to their respective ships of war up to the 23d instant; and, 4th, I shall inclose to the memorialists a copy of my summons to the governor, to show that I had fully considered the impending hardships and distresses of the place, including those of women and children, before one gun had been fired in that direction. The intercourse between the neutral ships of war and the city was stopped at the last mentioned date by Commodore Perry, with my concurrence, which I placed on the ground that that intercourse could not fail to give the enemy moral aid and comfort.

It will be seen from the memorial, that our batteries have already had a terrible effect on the city, (also known through other sources,) and hence the inference that a surrender must soon be proposed.

In haste, I have the honor to remain sir, with high respect, your most ob't serv't.

WINFIELD SCOTT.
Hon. Wm. L. Marcy, Secretary of War.

Articles of capitulation of the city of Vera Cruz and the castle of San Juan de Ulla. Puente de Hornos, without the walls of Vera Cruz,

Saturday, March 27, 1847.

Terms of capitulation agreed upon by the commissioners, viz:

Generals W. J. Worth and G. J. Pillow, and Colonel J. G. Totten, chief engineer, on the part of Major General Scott general-in-chief of the armies of the United States; and Colonel Jose Gutierrez de Villanueva, Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers, Manuel Robles, and Colonel Pedro de Herrera commissioners appointed by General in Chief Vera Cruz, the castle of San Juan de Ulla and their dependencies, for the surrender to the arms of the United States and the said forts, with their armaments, munitions of war, garrisons and arms.

1. The whole garrison or garrisons to be surrendered to the arms of the United States, as prisoners of war, the 29th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; the garrisons to be permitted to march out with all the honors of war, and to lay down their arms to such officers as may be appointed by the general-in-chief of the United States armies, and at a point to be agreed upon by the commissioners.

2. Mexican officers shall preserve their arms and private effect, including horses and horse furniture, also rank and file, five days to retire to their respective homes, on parole, as hereafter.

3. Coincident with the surrender, as stipulated in article 1, the Mexican flags of the various forts and status shall be struck, saluted by their own batteries; and immediately thereafter the flags of the United States and the castle of San Juan de Ulla, occupied by the forces of the United States.

4. The rank and file of the regular portion of the prisoners to be disposed of, after surrender and parole, as their general-in-chief may desire, and the irregular to be permitted to return to their homes. The officers, in respect to all arms and descriptions of force, given the usual parole that the said rank and file, as well as themselves, shall not serve again until duly exchanged.

5. All the materials of war, and all public property of every description found in the city, and castle of San Juan de Ulla and their dependencies, to belong to the United States; but the armament of the same (not injured or destroyed in the further prosecution of the actual war) may be considered as liable to be restored to Mexico by a definite treaty of peace.

6. The sick and wounded Mexicans to be allowed to remain in the city, with such medical officers of the army as may be necessary to their care and treatment.

7. Absolute protection is solemnly guaranteed to persons in the city, and property, and it is clearly understood that no private building or property is to be taken or used by the forces of the United States without previous arrangement with the owners, and for a fair equivalent.

8. Absolute freedom of religious worship and ceremonies is solemnly guaranteed. (Signed in duplicate.)

W. J. Worth, Brigadier General,
G. J. Pillow, Brigadier General,
J. G. Totten, Col. and Chf. Eng'r.,
Jose Gutierrez de Villanueva,
Pedro Manuel Herrera,
Manuel Robles.

Captain Anick—appointed a commissioner by Commodore Perry on behalf of the navy, (the general-in-chief not being able, in consequence, of the roughness of the sea, to communicate with the navy until after commissioners had been exchanged)—and being present by General Scott's invitation, and concurring in the result and approving thereof—hereto affixes his name and signature.

J. H. Auble, Capt. U. S. N.
Headquarters of the army of the United States
of America, Camp Washington, before Vera Cruz.

March 27, 1847.
Approved and accepted—Winfield Scott.
M. C. Perry.
Commander-in-chief U. S. N. forces Gulf of Mexico.

Vera Cruz, Marzo 27, 1847.
Approved y aceptado—
Jose Juan de Landero
A true copy of the original articles of capitulation.

E. P. Seamon,
1st Lieut, Topo. Eng's Act'g Aid-de-camp.

Col. Totten says the American loss at Vera Cruz, in killed was but twelve, including officers and men—only one in a thousand.

GENERAL TAYLOR.

The following sketch of the parentage and history of Gen. Taylor, is given by the responsible editor of the Newark Daily Advertiser, after quoting some expressions in his praise, by a gentleman now in the foreign service of this government, he proceeds:

"He remarked, moreover, that he was gratified in being able to add, from a long and intimate acquaintance with Gen. Taylor in years past, that the personal and private qualities of the man who has thus attracted to himself all attention, were quite as admirable as his prowess in the field—just as he is in short not less a civilian than a soldier. And such, we may add, is the uniform testimony of all who know him.

If any other proof of this were needed, we might refer to his remarkable voluminous correspondence with the Government as being conclusive. It would be difficult to find in the whole annals of military history any similar correspondence all comparable to it in the various attributes that go to declare a sound and cultivated mind,—practical wisdom, clear foresight, and mainly vigor.—The public mind is apt to infer when a man greatly distinguishes himself in a given course of action, that he is more especially fitted for that than any thing else. This is doubtless sometimes the case. But it is not so with Gen. Taylor, as he has himself demonstrated to his friends, the Army, his himself demonstrated in his country, and the world. Though the greater part of his life has been spent in the public service, he has not neglected, as some suppose, to cultivate those milder virtues which give a charm to personal intercourse and lead attraction and grace to private life.

He comes from an ancient Virginia family which emigrated from England, with other founders of liberty, and settled in the eastern part of Virginia, near two centuries ago—a family which has since been greatly distinguished in its various branches, and which included within its convolutions such names as James Madison, John Taylor, of Caroline, Judge Pendleton, Gen. Hunt, &c. Gen. Taylor's father was one of the most daring of those enterprising pioneers who settled "the dark and bloody ground" which defines the Indian ward, Kentucky, and many anecdotes are told of his prowess in desperate encounters with the savages.

He became also a man of eminence in civil life, and was a member of the Electoral College which elected for Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Clay. He died on his estate near Lexington, in 1826, leaving four sons, of whom "Old Zack" is the third, and, we believe, one or two daughters. The eldest son, Gen. James Taylor, who was a Quarter Master General in the Army during the war of 1812, now resides at Newport, Ky. at the advanced age of eighty years.

His more distinguished brother was born in Kentucky two years before its admission into the Union, and is now therefore about 56 years of age. Having a stout, vigorous frame, he was early distinguished for feats of manly character, and many amusing anecdotes are told of his achievements, firmness, and decision which have since attracted public admiration are said to have characterized his whole career through all the shifting circumstances of life. Soon after the affair of the Chesapeake and Leopard, previous to the war of 1812, he, being then 18 years of age, received from Mr. Jefferson (in 1815) the appointment of Lieutenant in the 7th Infantry, and commenced that military career which has now been crowned with imperishable fame.

His strict observance of duty and distinguished merit as a disciplinarian soon commended him for promotion, and at the opening of the war of 1812, we find him a captain in his regiment. Having been entrusted with the command of Fort Harrison on the Wabash with a garrison of 50 men, he greatly distinguished himself in that year by his successful defence of it against a formidable attack by a large body of Indians, and was rewarded by the President with the brevet rank of Major. His well known skill in Indian warfare acquired for him the command of the 1st Brigade of the Army of the South, and it was at the head of that Division that he won the bloody battle of Lake Okeechobee during the Florida campaign of 1835; and for which achievement he was brevetted Brigadier General. After 4 or 5 years arduous service in the Swamps and Hammocks of Florida, he was assigned to the command of the first department of the Army at Fort Jessup—where the order to Texas and the Rio Grande found him.

By his marriage with a lady of Maryland Gen. Taylor has one son and two daughters—one of whom is married to Col. Davis, of the Mississippi regiment, who was severely wounded at Buena Vista.

The National Bridge on which Gen. Twiggs is to move, is a strongly fortified place on the road to Jalapa, the capital of the State of Vera Cruz. It is a stupendous work of solid masonry, thrown over a wild and steep ravine. Jalapa is in a delightful situation, 4000 feet above the sea, and about 90 miles from Vera Cruz. It is noted for producing the medical article, jalap. Thirty-five miles further in towards the capital of Mexico, and on the road to it, is situated the strong castle of Perote, one of the chief fortresses of Mexico; La Puebla is another fortified place, 212 miles from Vera Cruz, Mexico, the capital, is 200 miles from Vera Cruz.

Gen. Taylor, it is said, is a democrat in stead of a whig; his brother is one of the oldest democratic republicans in Kentucky, and the general himself joined the army in the last war with England, when Henry Clay and he were both prominent democrats. [N. Y. Sun.

PENNSBORO STATE.—By a notice in the Bangor Whig, we learn that "on and after the first of May next, good substantial States will be sold, deliverable at the Quarry, at the very low price of two dollars per square of 100 feet, and payment received for the same, either in cash, gold, produce, or hauling to Bangor, at the current rates.—At this rate, states are by far the cheapest covering that can be found for any building, even in this land of shingles, if durability and safety from fire be taken into account." The quarry referred to is in Brownville.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, APRIL 20, 1847.

"Ere Enfranchisement must be preserved."

"The best part of the population of any country are the cultivators of the soil. Independent farmers are everywhere the basis of society."—[Jackson.] The cultivation of the soil, the primal occupation of man,—the most important, most healthful and most honorable calling, is by far too many considered a degrading and menial employment. But to the man of sense, the philanthropist and Christian, it is far otherwise,—here the book of nature is open before him, and as he "drives his team afield," he can study her laws, imitate her bounties, and admire her beauties, and with a thankful heart render homage to the Giver of every good, and

"Look through nature up to God." The farmer has less inducements than the most of those engaged in other occupations, to swerve from the path of rectitude—less gleams of conscience to content with; he places his reliance on the God of Nature and with confidence commits to the earth—in the proper season—his seed, with full faith in the promise of seed time and harvest; he goes to his task cheerfully, for all nature sanctifies around; he feels a pleasure in the progress of vegetation, and for the influence of the benign sun that warms him, for the gentle breeze that fans him, for the healthful fragrance of the air he breathes; he is filled with devotion for the goodness of an overruling Providence. To him all nature is harmony. The thousand songsters that "carroll on the spray," attune his heart to melody.—He is pleased with himself, the world and its inmates, and renovated nature instills into his veins that calm control, that placid happiness, so consonant to the feelings of him who by the sweat of his brow earns his bread and which is a stranger to those who have no relief for rural employments. Far greater indeed is his measure of enjoyment than that of a monarch on the throne, whose heart responds to no melody save "battle's strife," and whose loyal subjects, whilst they shout abroad, "God save the King," secretly wish the D—d had his own.

But the enlightened farmer has other duties to perform. It is not enough that he is industrious, frugal and devout. He owes to posterity a debt that must be paid. Agriculture systematically arranged and practically and scientifically taught, and each one should contribute his mite to complete this system.—In none of the arts or professions, perhaps, is system more necessary or indispensable than in that of Agriculture. A knowledge of the nature of the soil, its defects and imperfections; of what will render it fertile, is of the first importance, and no one should attempt to farm it without this knowledge; the adaptation of crops to the soil, the best system of rotation of crops to insure the greatest possible profit, with the least possible labor or manure; the best manner of making, saving and applying manure, are subjects of no less importance. Upon these subjects we would contribute our mite, and trust that our well-meant, though feeble endeavors, may awaken the agriculturists of Oxford County to their best interest—that they may in a measure awake to the importance of agricultural improvements, although our adopted paradise does not at present blossom like the rose; yet we believe that our apparently sterile soil and worn out fields, may with a little labor, properly applied, with renovating manure, be made in comparison to what they now are—the garden of Eden.

In no one thing is the old adage more applicable, that "knowledge is power," than in farming. Let no one think it is not necessary to improve himself, nor educate his sons, because they are, or intend to be farmers. In this enlightened age this knowledge costs comparatively nothing. We are abundantly supplied with well conducted periodical agricultural publications, which contain much readable information on practical husbandry, and at so cheap a rate as to be within the means of every farmer, and one cannot better subserve their interests, than by urging upon them the importance of availing themselves of the useful knowledge they contain.

TARIFF FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE WAR.—The right of the conqueror to levy contributions upon the enemy, in their respective towns or provinces, which may be in his military possessions by conquest, and to apply the same to defray the expenses of the war, is questioned by the anti-war party, although it is recognized by the law and usages of nations.—But when we take into consideration the long series of outrages and insults which have forced us into this war, it must be obvious to every unprejudiced mind that it is perfectly just for the United States to exercise the right of establishing a tariff of duties in Mexico. It may not, however, be right for the Mexicans to pay the whole expense, for the whigs, having encouraged them to persist in the war, ought in justice to defray a part of the expense—but as there is no way of compelling them to do it, it must fall upon the Mexicans unless they will do it voluntarily. It is a hard case for them, but as they are the means of the war's being carried to so great an extent, they should bear it manfully.—No wonder the whigs look so sorry since the news of the success of our armies in Mexico. They appear very much as we have seen them after the news of a whig defeat in a Presidential election. They cannot see how it is that our forces succeed against such fearful odds, nor once thinking that it is a strong evidence that we are engaged in a righteous cause. Poor whigs—their adherence to the enemy ends only in their everlasting disgrace. They will be "a by-word and reproach among all nations."

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.—Perhaps no State in the Union has a better Constitution than the one proposed by Wisconsin. It must be thoroughly Democratic. Why so? Cor—in a paragraph of the Portland Advertiser, it is called "The infamous and demagogic Constitution" and declared that "the worthless instrument in question will be rejected." We want no better evidence that a Constitution is founded on equal rights, and adapted to the best interest of the whole people than the Condemnation of the "Old Portland."

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